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CASA of Yavapai County

January, 2013 Newsletter

Happy New Year – 2013 Brings Changes to the Juvenile Court and CASA Program



On January 2, 2013, Presiding Superior Court Judge, David L. Mackey appointed the Honorable Anna C. Young, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. For some time now Judge Young has presiding over all the Dependency cases in the Verde Valley, is currently hearing all newly filed Dependency cases County wide, and will very soon be responsible for many of the Prescott Dependency cases as well. Judge Young's responsibilities will also include all of the Prescott Juvenile Delinquency hearings. We welcome Judge Young and look forward to working with her as she makes vital decisions to find permanency for the abused and neglected children of Yavapai County.

Judge Young, Division 6 personnel, the Prescott CASA and Family Drug Court offices and staff will be moving into the new Juvenile Justice Center facility at 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott over the weekend of January 18th. **The CASA office will be closed Friday, January 18th for the move and Monday, January 21st for the holiday. Beginning Tuesday, January 22nd all Prescott Dependency hearings will take place at the JJC facility unless otherwise noted.** The building will be a fully functioning Juvenile Court with a Clerk's office, Juvenile Detention facilities, Juvenile Probation offices, a Hearing room as well as a full sized Courtroom.

Prescott Dependency Mediations, regular monthly and Best for Babies case support groups, Time for Teens meetings, and Foster Care Review Board will all take place in the new building beginning January 22, 2013. The Prescott CASA office telephone numbers will not change and we ask for your patience as we unpack and settle into our new home. Please call 771-3165 if you have any questions.

A tour of the new facility is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us for the walking tour by contacting Tracy Sauer, CASA Program Manager, at tsauer@courts.az.gov or (928) 771-3165.

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SAVE THE DATE

January 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Tour the new Juvenile
Justice Center

January 18th CASA offices
move to the new Juvenile
Justice Center

Both Prescott offices will be
closed on January 18th
** watch for changes in the
location of hearings, trainings,
case support meetings, etc.**

February 22, 2013 Sally
Campbell Memorial
Best for Babies Seminar
See page 8



Yavapai CASA Calendar

January, 2013



M	T	W	T	F
	1 New Year's Day, office closed	2	3 Baby Case Support meeting ~ 10:00	4 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting ~ 10:00 CANCELLED
7	8 FDC ~ 2:30	9 Tour the Juvenile Justice Center 10:00	10 Jane's Case Support ~ 11:00	11
14 C for K Board meeting ~ 4:00	15	16 Janet's Case Support meeting ~ 11:00	17 Time for Teens (monthly meeting) at Yavapai Title ~ 9:30	18 CASA offices moving to the new JJC ~ both offices closed
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ office closed	22 Dependency hearings and FDC will be held at the JJC FDC ~ 2:30	23	24	25
28	29 Dependency hearings will be held at the JJC	30	31	

January at a glance ...

- 1/1 Happy New Year!! Office Closed
- 1/3 Baby Case Support meeting, Courthouse, Room 307, 10:00
- 1/4 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Fair Street, 10:00 *****CANCELLED*****
- 1/8 Family Drug Court, Courthouse Room 104, Pro-Tem B Courtroom, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 1/9 Tour the new Juvenile Justice Center, 10:00
- 1/10 Jane's Case Support, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00
- 1/14 C for K Board meeting, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church 4:00 ~ 5:00
- 1/16 Case Support with Janet Lincoln, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma, 11:00
- 1/17 Time for Teens monthly meeting, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma 9:30 ~ 11:30
- 1/18 CASA offices moving *** Offices Closed ***
- 1/21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *** Office Closed ***



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February at a glance

- 2/1 Baby Case Support meeting, P.V. Prevent Child Abuse office, 10:00
- 2/5 & 19 Family Drug Court, Juvenile Justice Center, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 2/7 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Juvenile Justice Center, 10:00
- 2/11 C for K Board Meeting, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church 4:00 ~ 5:00
- 2/14 Jane's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 2/18 President's Day ~ Office Closed
- 2/20 Janet's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 2/21 Time for Teens monthly meeting, Juvenile Justice Center, 9:30

TIME FOR TEENS

Time for Teens is now on the Big Kids Book web site at www.yavapaikidsbook.org. Take a look there for updates and information regarding support for teens. If you have ideas or know of programs that support our teens, please forward them to Mike Wade, CASA Coordinator at mwade@courts.az.gov. We can share the information on the Big Kids Book website.

The FCRB and CPS administrators continue to inquire about the TYI form (Transitional Youth Index), for use by the CPS case managers. The document was developed by the Time 4 Teens group. If you're working with a teenager you can obtain a copy of the TYI by contacting Mike Wade.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2013 at Yavapai Title.



Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

Free Clothing for Children

Information Provided by
Yavapai CASA for Kids Inc.
www.YavapaiCASAforKids.org



CHILD HAVEN. This organization distributes clothing free of charge (primarily for younger children, although they sometimes receive donations of clothing for teens) on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the 7th Day Adventist Church, 2980 Willow Creek Road. There's no need to call in advance, but for questions, call 772-3435.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. They are open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. People needing clothes for any age children are invited to come in, without an appointment, and take what they need. 114 Union Street, Prescott. 771-7592.

NEEDFUL THINGS. 8400 E. Spouse, Prescott Valley. This is associated with the Yavapai Food Bank, and they have a limited supply of clothing to give away (only 2 to 3 outfits per child). Contact: Lynne Passfield, 775-5255. Needful Things is open only Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., although Lynne is in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If it is an emergency, Lynne will make clothing available at other times. On the weekends, for a true emergency, her cell phone number is 928-499-8857.



OPEN DOOR. This is a division of the Coalition for Compassionate Justice and is located at 5050 W. Gurley, at the corner of Summit (with the entrance on Gurley). They are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. An appointment is not needed, but for questions, call 445-8382. Open Door provides a free voucher to be used for clothing (for all children of all ages) at their thrift shop. Once a foster parent receives the voucher, they can come to the thrift shop as often as once a month to get clothes.



SALVATION ARMY. The Salvation Army operates a thrift shop at 225 S. Montezuma (enter through the door marked "Social Services"). Foster parents can get a voucher for 2 outfits per child (all ages) plus shoes and a jacket. The voucher can be used only on the day it is issued, and the clothing choices will depend on donations received. So it is recommended that parents come in first to determine if there is clothing available that would be appropriate for their children. The thrift shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is needed, but for questions, call 778-0150. Each child is eligible to receive a voucher every 60 days.



TEENS' CLOSET. This outreach of the American Lutheran Church provides clothing and accessories to teens, aged 13 to 19. The address is 717 White Spar Road, and it is necessary to call or e-mail first for an appointment (583-4374; teensclosetattherock@gmail.com).

Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

CASA FOR KIDS 2012 HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE REPORT

We had sixteen collections sites distributed throughout the tri-city area, including the Mayer Senior/Nutrition Center, Dewey Humboldt Activity Center and Granville Community Center, three Country Bank sites, two Albertson's, the Club at Prescott Lakes, Jamie's Waffle Express, and AmeriGas in Chino Valley, with seven different "tree minders" who set up the trees and collected the donations as they came in. There were several donors who contacted the CASA for Kids Board [C 4 K] and offered some lovely things directly to us, such as the Bradshaw Mountain High School Student Health Organization; Rummel Eye Care; Yavapai Toy Makers; Coalition for Compassion and Justice; Bicycle Source in Prescott Valley; Timberwoof Boutique at Bashford Court and Foot Fetish at Bashford Court and in Prescott Valley.

The collection process started the weekend after Thanksgiving, with Christmas trees being installed at the various sites. Sample gift cards decorated the trees, with flyers explaining the purpose, sample gift lists and donation boxes along side. Special support came through the numerous flyers designed by Ann Haver-Allen and throughout the community. The collection portion of the Drive ended on December 16, when all the items were brought to the distribution site at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie., 218 N. Cortez in downtown Prescott.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles allowed us to use the meeting room at their Aerie, as the distribution site again this year – for which we are so very grateful. They graciously provided our site helpers with a warm welcome, coffee and snacks and lots of help with the heavy lifting. Distribution took place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17 and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18. We had lots of help from CASAs and C 4 K Board members to assure that accurate records were kept and all the participants found something wonderful for their kids,

CASAs, foster parents and CPS workers picked up gifts for about 300 kids during open hours. We are sure that there was some duplication since every foster child will have a foster parent and CPS worker and may also have a CASA, but the number of kids who benefited from this gift drive is awesome, however you count. We had also invited parents in Family Drug Court to come in and many participated – all very grateful to CASA for Kids for the help at this time of year.

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Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE.....

We had fewer cash donations this year, but still we distributed about \$500.00 in gift cards – primarily to families with teens.

At the end of the day on December 18th, we still had some toys and dolls, many “stuffedies”, children’s and teen’s clothes left over. We took stuffedies to the courthouse for distribution on adoption day. Children’s clothing and some toys went CCJ Open Door. Teen clothing and jewelry was given to Teen Closet – an organization that makes clothing available to teens in need.

This was a great year for CASA for Kids, and to be able to close the year by giving so many wonderful things to our kids absolutely makes all the work well worth it.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Eileen Bond

Vice President

1. Tree “minders” were: Barbara Polk, Tracy Sauer; Darcy and Russ Razo; Eileen and Jim Bond; Sandra and George Talosi; Laura Taylor and Dottie Morris
2. Distribution site helpers were: Eileen Bond, Barbara Polk, Mike James, Janet Lincoln, Nancy Van der Voort, Jane Shaw, Christa Lasater, Sandra and George Talosi, Jeanine Thompson, Laura Taylor, Patti Potts and Ken Orwick,

CASA for Kids Newsletter Needs your Story

I hope most CASAs have had the chance to read our first CASA for Kids newsletter. If you didn't receive it, you can read it online at www.YavapaiCASAforKids.org. On page two, there's a column called, "Grants Make a Difference: CASA for Kids Lends a Helping Hand," which focuses on how a single grant - whether large or small - from CASA for Kids can make a real difference in the life of a child. I wrote the first column, about two of my CASA teens who needed to attend summer school in order to bring up their grades from the previous year. The column explained their life situation with their bio-mom that caused their grades to drop from A's to D's before they were placed in foster care.

The newsletter will be published twice a year, and I'll shortly be starting to write the March issue. I'm hoping that another CASA will step forward and provide a story for this newsletter, or future ones. You can write something up if you'd like and e-mail it to me at dianadalsass@cablone.net, or we can talk on the phone (445-6637) about your story if you're not comfortable writing it up.

So many of you have received grants from CASA for Kids that have helped your kids. I hope you will share your stories!

Best for Babies

SAVE THE DATE!

Sally Campbell Memorial Best for Babies Seminar

Court Teams for Infants and Toddlers:
Integrating the Science of Early Childhood and Child Welfare

Friday, February 22, 2013
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law
Arizona State University, Tempe



Featuring: Sheree L. Toth, PhD

Executive Director, Mt. Hope Family Center

Associate Professor

Department of Clinical & Social Sciences in Psychology

University of Rochester

Who Should Attend

*Juvenile Court Judges and their Court Teams - Court Appointed Special Advocates
Health Care Professionals - Attorneys - Law Students - State Legislators
Foster Parents - Early Childhood Advocates - CPS & Child Welfare Professionals
First Things First Regional Partnerships - Mental Health Professionals
Behavioral Health Professionals - Infant Mental Health Specialists*

Sponsored by:

- Infant-Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona
- Arizona State University, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics Masters of Advanced Studies in Infant-Family Practice
- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Prevent Child Abuse Arizona - *Best for Babies Project*

Program and registration information will follow in early January.

Coordinator's Corner

We are again so thankful for the support we receive from Yavapai CASAs for Kids, Inc., who provided the food for the event and shared their message about meeting the needs of foster children in the system. The work they do allows the children and the CASAs to have and do things that normally would not exist. Thank you again for spending a wonderful evening with us and sharing the holiday spirit!

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Coordinator's Corner

KUDOS...To CASA Larry Cox and CPS Case Manager Starla Miles for their dedication and caring for Larry's now 15 year old CASA child. It has been a difficult case which started in 2006. Larry has been this boy's CASA since the beginning, he is the one person in this child's life who remains a constant. Larry gives KUDOS to Starla Miles who has a special way of working with this child and has made a positive difference in his life. Thank you Larry for your years of service to the CASA program and your CASA child.

Join a Support Group

Support Groups:

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs. The Support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate.

- The group lead by Janet Lincoln meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the JJC, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The group lead by Jane Shaw meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Best for Babies support group meets the first Thursday of each month at the JJC, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301 , 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



1/1	Marlene Baird	
1/1	Kathy Wyse	
1/4	Mary Jo Ross	
1/5	Anne Papineau	
1/31	Ralph Gonzales	

Verde Valley CASA News

Welcome Verde Valley CASAs and Collaborators

We are happy to announce that the CASA Newsletter will now be County Wide. We welcome our Verde Valley CASAs, community and agency partners, and collaborators to the newsletter distribution. If you know someone who wants to receive the newsletter, please send their email address to msmith2@courts.az.gov.

The "Verde Valley CASA News" page will be dedicated to training, information, and stories from the Verde Valley office of the CASA Program. Please let us know about your Verde Valley news so we can share it!

Michele "Mike" Wade to become the Verde Valley CASA Program's Coordinator

Since 2011 Mike has been working as a CASA Coordinator in the Prescott CASA Office. Mike has extensive knowledge of the Verde Valley from his days of working for CPS. Over the next few months Mike will be spending Tuesdays in the Verde Valley office meeting and getting to know the CASA Volunteers, meeting with CPS, our community partners, and others who interact with the CASA program and the Dependency system. Mike will be recruiting new CASA Volunteers in the Verde Valley as well so if you know someone who would like to become a CASA Volunteer or have a CASA presentation, please call us at (928) 554-8900.

A slow transition is required in order to fill the vacancy Mike will leave in the Prescott CASA office but we look forward to him being full time in the Verde Valley CASA office soon. Please welcome Mike back to the Verde Valley.

A new Program Secretary has been hired for the Verde Valley CASA Office

Very soon a new CASA Program Secretary will take her place in the Verde Valley CASA office. Her name is Heather Huber and she is a highly qualified, professional, and friendly new addition to the CASA office. Heather will start her training in the office in January. We will introduce Heather and share the details of her scheduled days and hours in the February edition of the newsletter. The Prescott CASA office is always available at: (928) 771-3165.

January, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Tracy in the VV office	8 Mike in the VV office	9 Maureen in the VV office	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Hearings</i> Tracy in the VV office	15 Mike in the VV office	16 Maureen in the VV office	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Holiday, office closed</i>	22 Mike in the VV office	23 Maureen in the VV office	24	25	26
27	28 Tracy in the VV office	29 Mike in the VV office	30 Maureen in the VV office	31		

We thank you for your patience as we complete staffing assignments and training for the Verde Valley CASA office.

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Please let us know of any Verde Valley News you would like us to include in the newsletter.

## Contact Information

### **CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**

**[www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org](http://www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org)**



**If you cannot attend an FCRB, you  
may e-mail the Board at:**

**[rptfcrb@courts.az.gov](mailto:rptfcrb@courts.az.gov)**

### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.**

**Serving our Court Protected Children and the CASA  
Program**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates**

**...a child's voice in court**

Yavapai CASA for Kids generously donates gift cards (various denominations and designs available) for CASAs to celebrate birthdays, special events, and/or big (or yes, even little) accomplishments with their CASA children. Every foster child can use a little "celebration". In addition, the board provides \$10 gas cards for CASAs that travel long distances to visit their

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